

15TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
OBSERVANCE

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 3, 1956



ASTORIA U.S.O.-Y.M.C.A.

1618 EXCHANGE STREET  
ASTORIA, OREGON

S U P P O R T E D

Primarily

B Y Y O U R C O N T R I B U T I O N S

to the

U N I T E D F U N D — R E D C R O S S .

D R I V E

## A WELCOME TO YOUR USO CLUB

This week 233 USO Clubs in the United States and all over the world are celebrating their 15th Anniversary by declaring "open house" to the public. Your USO Club here in Astoria is happy to take this birthday occasion to welcome you to come in and make yourself at home.

As you look around the USO today and perhaps join in the birthday celebration this evening, keep in mind that the real importance of this USO Club to the serviceman or woman does not lie in the building and its facilities, nor in the staff, but properly, in their realization that the programs and services they enjoy represent the sincere friendly concern of the community as a whole.

This evening I will have the honor of paying tribute to some of the outstanding volunteers who have served during 1955. My only regret is that it will be impossible to give individual recognition to the many, many other organizations, individuals and businesses that have also given generously of their time and talents during the year. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to these many wonderful people on behalf of the servicemen and women who have benefited from their warm support.

Sincerely,

James W. Taylor  
USO Director

USO 15TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE

USO Dance Lounge - 8 PM

Program

Welcome . . . . .	James W. Taylor USO Director
Anniversary Remarks . . . . .	Eugene Lowe Vice Chairman, USO Operating Committee
. . . . .	Captain Edwin A. McDonald Chief of Staff, Columbia River Group Tongue Point Naval Station
. . . . .	Honorable Peter G. Cosovich Mayor of the City of Astoria, Oregon
Recognition of 1955 USO Volunteers . . . . .	James W. Taylor USO Director
Vocal Solo . . . . .	Mrs. Dortha Radich
Cutting of the Birthday Cake . . . . .	John Fugate, SK2 USS Askari (ARL-30)
Serving at the Refreshment Table . . . . .	Mrs. Eugene Lowe Mrs. Edwin McDonald Mrs. Peter Cosovich
Music for your Dancing Pleasure . . . . .	The "Rhythmaires" Tongue Point Naval Station

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Refreshment Arrangements by the USO Senior Hostesses

Welcoming Committee . . . . . USO Junior Hostesses

## G U E S T S O F H O N O R

The following volunteers because of outstanding service to the men in the Armed Forces have earned the following USO awards of recognition.

### 3 STAR USO PIN (For over 1000 hours of volunteer service.)

Miss Verna Hutonen  
Miss Ann Schairer

### 2 STAR USO CERTIFICATE (For two years volunteer service with at least 100 hours service each year.)

Mrs. A. J. Antonich  
Mrs. Amanda Hutonen

### 1 STAR USO PIN (For over 300 hours of volunteer service.)

Miss Louise Brenner  
Miss Virginia Lundburg  
Miss Fairy Vaughan  
Miss Ann Whiteside  
Miss Sue Sells  
Mrs. Kenyon E. Stone

### USO BASIC PIN (For over 100 hours of volunteer service.)

Miss Janice Bartoldus  
Miss Jo Ann Carlson  
Miss Shirley Diiro  
Miss Evelyn Madsen  
Miss Dorothy Peterson  
Miss Alice Seabrook

ASTORIA U.S.O. CLUB  
Operating Agency: Armed Services YMCA

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SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Capt. T. W. Davison, USN  
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U.S.O. STAFF

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